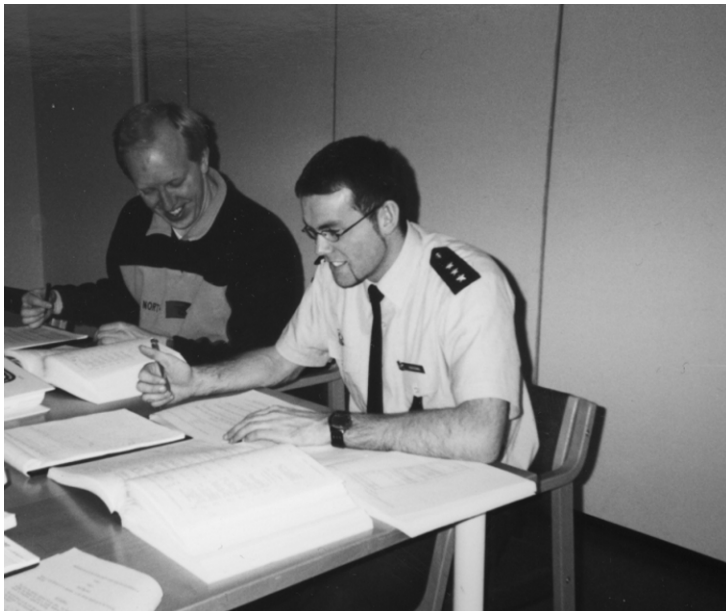

DISAM Returns to Norway

Over the years, various DISAM mobile education teams have gone to Norway. In the past, the courses have been held at the Royal Norwegian Air Force School of Logistics at Stavern, a small summer resort town on the Oslo fjord. Renowned as the spot in Norway that has the most sunny days, Stavern is always a quaint site for an MET. However, the DISAM MET found out that Norwegian summer resorts in February are not well-populated places. Nonetheless, the enthusiasm of the team of Craig Brandt, Chris Parsons, CDR Pat Hawkins, and LTC Mark Bourgeois was only slightly chilled by the zero degrees Fahrenheit on the first day of class. The warm reception by the school and by our host, Captain Tore Christensen, quickly prepared us for teaching a Foreign Purchaser's Course (SAM-F) as well as a Foreign Purchaser's Executive Course (SAM-FE).

During the period 5-15 February 2001, DISAM taught the two week SAM-F and the one-week SAM-FE to students primarily representing the RnoAF Air Materiel Command. Other students came from the Norwegian General Auditing Office, Royal Norwegian Air Force Staff, the Chief of Defense Joint Staff, and the Norwegian Embassy, Washington, DC.



Lieutenant Colonel Mark Bourgeois presents Captain Tore Christensen, the host for the DISAM team during its visit, with a memento of the occasion.



Lars Christian Horne and Captain Lars Ole Hageskal discuss the computation of the transportation charge on the LOA.

The base at Stavern was originally a shipyard dating from the mid-eighteenth century. Over the years it has also served as a training command for the Army as well as the Air Force. Because of its historical importance in the area, the base commander, Colonel Arne Hill-Jensen, treated the

DISAM team to a tour of the installation. The team visited the original buildings which are still in use as well as the museums which portray the history of the base.



Major Jan Seeman, chief of instructor personnel at the Royal Norwegian School of Logistics, offered remarks at the closing of the foreign purchaser's course.



Olga Ragnild and Yngvar Holm of the RnoAF Materiel Command complete the logistics exercise.

To close out our two weeks, Major Jan Seen, Chief of Instructor Personnel at the Logistics School, offered his remarks at graduation, congratulating the students on their accomplishments. During the closing ceremonies, the students were awarded their graduation certificates and the DISAM badge. A delicious example of local baking topped off the ceremony.

Captain Christensen and the entire administrative staff of the Logistics School went out of their way to insure that the DISAM team was well cared for during our visit. In the preparations before the course, the training manager of ODC Oslo, Karin Aarkvisla, worked with DISAM and the Logistics School to iron out all of the difficulties in presenting the class.

The day of graduation was a historic one in Stavern. We were saddened to learn that the Norwegian government had announced the decision to close the base as part of the overall defense downsizing. While this team may be the last from DISAM to enjoy the delights of Stavern, we are confident that our relationship with the Norwegian forces will continue in the future.